

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Health Professions Quality Assurance
Board of Massage
MEETING MINUTES for July 14, 2002

BOARD MEMBERS: **Morgan Caley**, LMP, Vice Chair; **Ted Hulbert**, LMP; **Karin Olsen**, LMP;
via telephone **Rose Foster**, LMP

ABSENT MEMBER: **ANNI LANGSAM**, PUBLIC MEMBER, CHAIR

PROGRAM STAFF: **Gail Zimmerman**, Executive Director; **Kirby Putscher**, Program Manager;
Rob Darling, Administrative Assistant; **Chris Swanson**, Assistant
Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawn M. Schmidt, Brenneke School of Massage; Teri Zelepuza, Ashmead
College

Sunday, July 14, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. - OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without change.

CLOSED SESSION – 9:05 a.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the June 23, 2002 Board of Massage meeting, Chris Swanson, Assistant Attorney General Advisor conducted an additional review of the statutes and rules governing massage licensure and examination. Mr. Swanson provided the board with his findings and an update regarding the pilot program approved by the board at the June 23, 2002 meeting.

3. MESSAGE PRACTITIONER LICENSURE EXAMINATION

At the June 23, 2002 meeting, the board approved a motion to implement a one year pilot program to accept the examination processes utilized by the Washington State Approved Massage Programs, Schools and Apprenticeship Programs as the interim examination for massage practitioner licensure in Washington State. The additional review conducted by Mr. Swanson determined that the examination process could not

be delegated to the approved programs as reflected in the previous motion approved by the board.

Following a lengthy discussion of the findings presented by Mr. Swanson, several motions were made and unanimously approved by the board. These motions are:

- 1) To rescind the decision made at the June 23, 2002 meeting to accept the examination processes utilized by the approved programs as the interim examination for massage practitioner licensure in Washington State.
- 2) To develop and provide for the administration of an interim Washington State Massage Licensure Examination during the period of the pilot program.
- 3) Continue to accept the National Certification Examination for Bodywork and Massage Therapy (NCETMB) as an option for individuals who choose to take that examination during the period of the pilot program.
- 4) Continue to utilize the services of ASI (Assessment Systems Incorporated) or its successor for administration of the interim Washington State Massage Licensure Examination during the period of the pilot program.

Additional discussion revolved around the content and structure of the interim examination. The interim examination will include questions sufficient in number to satisfy the board that the applicant has been given an adequate opportunity to express his or her knowledge relating to the following subjects anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, pathology, massage theory and practice, clinical business practices, first aid/CPR and Washington law pertaining to the practice of massage.

The members of the board emphasized that the use of this interim examination during the pilot program in no way reflects what a future examination process or content may look like.

Staff and members of the board will meet on Sunday, August 4, 2002, in the massage program offices, to begin development of the interim massage licensure examination.

4. ADJOURNMENT

They're being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Rob Darling, Administrative Asst.

Anne Langsam, Board Chair